

Newsletter n°1

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RECAP 2023

- Contacts with 115 associations.
- **25 projects monitored** over the 3 axes, including 3 carried out by employees in France and Africa.
- Meetings with new associations.
- Beyond the Foundation's actions, Géotec.

RENEWED PARTNERSHIPS



In France



ZICOMATIC

#handicap #culture

Since 2006, the Zicomatic association has been using culture to combat the isolation of children and adults with disabilities. It offers cultural projects, raises public awareness and promotes the image of disability.

In 2020 and 2023, Fondation Géotec was a partner in the "Tous en scène" music festival organized each year to break down barriers. In 2023, the festival was held at Le Phare in Chambéry, with Géotec employees in attendance.

Project presented and monitored by Jean-Yves Lacombe (Géotec Rhône-Alpes)

GROW

#insertion

The GRANDIR association informs, helps and advises parents of children with growth problems, as well as anyone suffering from a rare growth disorder and/or treated with growth hormone. In 2022 and 2023, Fondation Géotec supported the association in organizing weekend family reunions to break the isolation of families, children and parents.

Project presented by Magali Serré (Géotec Reims)







ANTS

#handicap #sport

The ANTS SPORT association offers gyms, one in Lyon and the other in Grenoble, adapted to adults with neuromotor disabilities (spinal cord or cerebral lesions, neurodegenerative diseases such as multiple sclerosis, etc.).

In 2021 and 2023, Fondation Géotec has made **a financial contribution to the purchase of equipment** for the two gyms: weight training, electrostimulation bike, walking workshop, cross training.

Institute of Commitment

#insertion #engagement

This association, supported in 2022 and 2023 by the Fondation Géotec, helps young people with less than academic backgrounds to resume their training, or to set up their own business or association. Twice a year (two registration sessions), hundreds of volunteers mobilize to provide these young people with one-year coaching or 6-month mentoring.





Amélie La Vie #inclusion #disability

This association works with people with cerebral palsy and their families to help them live independently.

The funding granted by Fondation Géotec is being used in the construction of an inclusive habitat in Sathonay, Les Colibris. This inclusive and secure environment will enable everyone to flourish and live life to the full, and will be inaugurated in the summer of 2024.

Project presented by Fabien Lordez (Géotec Rhône-Alpes)

BASKIN

#handicap #sport

Since 2021, Fondation Géotec has contributed to the development of BASKIN in the Nantes region and in France, by helping to **purchase new equipment** needed to practice the sport, to open new club sections and to finance team travel expenses.

This **inclusive activity**, which accompanies players (with or without disabilities) well beyond the sports field, has been growing ever since. In June 2023, the French team finished 2nd in the European Championship, a very fine performance.





In West Africa



ECIAT

#water #hygiene #sanitation

This family association runs one project a year in Togo. It has twice been supported by Fondation Géotec, and in 2023 is leading a project to **improve material and sanitary conditions** at the Aglébo public elementary school and build 6 Ecosan latrine blocks.





CIELO

#accèseau # sanitation

This association (Coopération Internationale pour les Equilibres Locaux), now known for several years to the Fondation Géotec and to our Bordeaux-based employees who have met its president, carries out development projects in 5 areas and 7 countries, including Benin and Togo. In these two countries, Fondation Géotec supports the organization in its projects to provide access to improved water and sanitation, and in education through the construction of primary and secondary classrooms.

Youth for the Earth

#aideaux populations

This association has been working in **Burkina Faso** for over 10 years, **fighting the rural exodus of young people during the dry season**. In 2023, Fondation Géotec financed the **creation of a** multi-purpose **farm-school** for the integration of rural youth in Diosso: food self-sufficiency is in sight, and the 3,000 banana plantations have produced a promising harvest.





Safe Water Cube

#accèseau

The Agir Ensemble - Safe watercube association aims to provide access to drinking water in a safe and sustainable way, thanks to a water purification fountain. For the past 2 years, Fondation Géotec has been working alongside the association to equip schools in Rufisque, Senegal.

Eau Z'enfants

#insertion #engagement

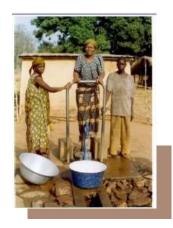
The association helps orphans, destitute children and disadvantaged villagers, mainly in Togo and Guinea.

The project involves the **construction of 3 boreholes** in Guinea, in remote villages with no water supply: Seguya Cacia, Razagouya and Kouria.

"The wells you have made possible are not simply concrete structures, but symbols of hope, connection and progress for our community. Your generosity will remain etched in our hearts, and we pledge to make good use of this precious resource you have offered."

Project presented by Lotfi Hadj-Arab, former collaborator





ACSO

#insertion #engagement

Since 2017, ACSO has been involved in WATER programs in a disaster-stricken commune in Benin, the Zou department. This is the second time Fondation Géotec has been involved in these projects. While the project supported in 2021 was completed very quickly, the one supported in 2023 has been delayed as the government plans to connect 2 localities targeted in the project to the water network. In addition to the drilling operations, the community has launched a chilli pepper plantation to generate annual profits to finance social initiatives (schooling, healthcare, etc.).



Women of Africa

#insertion #engagement

This association working in **Benin** and **Togo** is supported in 2 of its projects by Fondation Géotec. Its aim is to build on the dynamism of local populations to create **self-sufficient**, **self-managed living structures**.

"My name is Abra Kokou, I'm 35 years old (well, I think, I don't have a birth certificate), I'm a beneficiary of the microcredit program in the village of Agamahé supported by your Foundation. Before being selected for this program, my family and I lived in very difficult conditions. We struggled to meet our most basic needs. The Covid crisis has had a very negative impact on the village and on our sales. [...] We are facing difficulties linked to the increase in the price of soya, oil and fuel [...].

Thanks to microcredit, my life has changed in recent months. I was able to get a loan to finance my soy cheese production with 7 other women. With the money I borrowed, I was able to buy seeds, utensils, materials, improve my technique and start a sale at the Agbélouvè market [...] The microcredit program has helped us get out of poverty and take control of our future."



MOMENTS OF SOLIDARITY IN THE BRANCH



8 lives for the planet

#environment #biodiversity

8 Vies pour la planète is a technical innovation association serving the environment. Its "L'Etang de s'y mettre" project has been supported since 2021 by the Géotec Foundation and aims to reintroduce extinct and emblematic species to the Etang de Berre (13).

Employees in the South-East met them during Géotec's 50th anniversary celebrations.

<u>Café</u> Joyeux #insertion #disability

Café Joyeux provides an innovative solution for the inclusion of people with mental and cognitive disabilities.

Since 2017, thanks to **the creation of cafés-restaurants**, this non-profit company has enabled more than 168 people with disabilities to benefit from recognized training, have a permanent contract and work in a mainstream environment. **Fondation Géotec has supported the creation of two cafés**, one in Versailles in 2020 and the other in Dijon, scheduled for 2025.





MEETINGS WITH NEW ASSOCIATIONS



AMD - Aide Médicale et Développement

#accesselectricity

AMD's aim is to support those who have no access to healthcare in developing countries.

In 2023, Fondation Géotec is committed to **financing the installation and supply of a photovoltaic electrification system** for 3 buildings at the Bantaco health post in **Senegal**.

The Compagnie des Corps Bruts

#handicap #culture

The members of this company are developing a web repertoire of Chansignes interpreting songs in Sign Language. This repertoire, accessible to all, facilitates access to culture for the deaf and introduces hearing audiences to the richness of Sign Language. Meeting with the artists in November 2023 as part of the "Monte le son" festival in Paris, during a participatory performance of Les Impromptus de SIGNES A L'CEIL.





PC Coup de pouce

#accèseau

The **Projet Eau Bénin** is a PC Coup d'Pouce (PCCP) project to **improve** access to drinking water for the village of Agolèdji in southern Benin. Fondation Géotec's contribution consisted in rehabilitating two boreholes, building a water tower and connecting the elementary school to the water supply.

ACTIONS WITH GEOTEC, BEYOND THE FOUNDATION

The **Clubhouse** association, supported by the Foundation in 2024, ran an **awareness-raising** session **on mental health** (webinar) for Géotec employees.

The HR department went to meet the Apprentis d'Auteuil for potential actions.



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